

REMARKS

Claims 11-14, 32, and 34-37 are pending.

Claims 1-10, 15-30 were withdrawn and previously canceled.

Claims 31, 33, 38 and 39 were previously canceled.

Claims 11-14, 32 and 34 are rejected.

Claims 35-37 are allowed.

Amendment to claims

Claim 11 is amended to incorporate the Examiner's suggestion of amendment, discussed below. Claim 34 is amended to make it consistent with the amended claim 11.

Claim 32 is amended to delete polyalkylene oxide from the Markush group so as to render its scope narrower than claim 11, from which claim 32 depends.

No new issue is presented by the amendment. No new matter is introduced by the amendment.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 11-14, 32 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement for reciting natural rubber and nylon. Applicants believe these rejections are moot in light of the amendment to claim 11, which is amended to delete natural rubber and nylon according to the Examiner's suggestion.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's suggestion of amendment to the claims.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 35-37 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of these claims.

The Examiner suggests claim 11 would be allowable if it is amended to delete natural rubber and nylon from the Markush group and to require the polymeric composition comprise a block copolymer of a polysulfone (A) and an elastomeric polymer (B). Claim 11 is amended to incorporate the Examiner's suggestion of amendment. Accordingly, claim 11 is now allowable. Since claims 12-14, 32 and 34 are dependent from claim 11, Applicants respectfully submit these claims are also allowable.

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. **07-1850**.

CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. **If the Examiner has any suggestions or amendments to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance, applicant would prefer a telephone call to the undersigned attorney for approval of an Examiner's amendment.** If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 393-9885.

Respectfully submitted,

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